

Application No. 10/766,448
Amendment
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-20 were presented for examination.

Claims 1-3, 5, 9-11, 13-14, and 17 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting. A terminal disclaimer has been filed herewith to overcome such grounds for rejection.

Claims 1 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Yang et al. Claims 8 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yang et al. in view of Boccuzzi. Claims 1 and 9 have been cancelled. Claims 8 and 16 have been amended to depend from Claims 2 and 10, respectively, thereby avoiding such grounds for rejection.

Claims 4, 6-7, 12, 15 and 18-20 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were considered if rewritten in independent form including base and intervening claim limitations.

Claims 2, 5, 10 and 13 have been rewritten in independent form. Claim 17 is also independent. Claims 3-4, 6-8, 11-12, 14-16, and 18-20 depend directly or indirectly from Claims 2, 5, 10, 13 and 17. Thus, all remaining claims should now be allowable.

Accordingly, request is made for reconsideration of the application and allowance of the claims, as amended.

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